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Record of Council Work Session Minutes City of Margaret

Date: Monday, February 2, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: Margaret City Hall
Council Work Session

The City Council for the City of Margaret met on Monday, February 2, 2026, for a work session prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

The work session roll call is as follows:

Councilperson James Chapman – Present
Councilperson Martrece Bell – Present
Councilperson Kerry McIntyre – Present
Councilperson Samantha Davis – Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathon Ray – Present
Mayor Matthew Tortorice – Present

The work session opened with a proclamation for Austin Stone for preserving local history and providing a lasting public record.

The work session continued with a review of regular council meeting agenda items.:

1. Mutual Aid Agreement with Odenville Fire
2. Odenville Chamber of Commerce
3. St. Clair County Educational Foundation Gala
4. Donation to MAES for Smart Boards
5. Public Works Vehicles and Trailer
6. ALM Annual Conference
7. National League of Cities
8. Speed Bumps
9. Increase Towing Release Fee to \$100, Accident Report Fees to \$10

The work session adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Matthew Tortorice

ATTEST:



Tabitha Hanner, City Clerk

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RECORD OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MARGARET

Date: Monday, February 2, 2026
Time: 6:27 PM
Place: Margaret City Hall
Council Meeting

ROLL CALL

Councilperson James Chapman – Present
Councilperson Martrece Bell – Present
Councilperson Kerry McIntyre – Present
Councilperson Samantha Davis – Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathon Ray – Present
Mayor Matthew Tortorice – Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM.

The invocation was given by Mr. Gene Barker.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Roll Call was taken and is recorded above.

Councilperson Davis made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Odenville Fire Department. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chapman made a motion that the City become a corporate sponsor for the Odenville Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$500. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to sponsor the St. Clair County Education Foundation Gala at the Silver level for \$1500.00. Councilperson Chapman seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chapman made a motion to purchase 7 Smartboards for Margaret Elementary School at a total cost of \$3,125. \$3000 of which will come from the Mayor's community funds and the remaining from the funds budgeted for education donations. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made a motion to table the purchase of a truck and trailer for Public Works for the purpose of being able to haul the new road repair equipment. Councilperson McIntyre

seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – no, Ray – yes, Tortorice – no. Motion carried.

Councilperson Chapman made the motion to approve the Mayor and all the Council to attend the Alabama League of Municipalities conference in Montgomery. Mayor Pro-Tem Ray seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bell made the motion to pursue joining the National League of Cities. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – no, Bell – yes, McIntyre – no, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Bell made the motion to send Mayor Tortorice, Mayor Pro-Tem Ray, Councilperson Davis and herself to the National League of Cities convention in Washington D.C. Councilperson Davis seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – no, Bell – yes, McIntyre – no, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray made the motion table the purchase of speed bumps/speed tables to July 1st. There was no second. Motion dies.

Councilperson Chapman made a motion to amend the previous motion to approve the purchase of 10 speed tables but to exclude Parkwood Drive from the list of roads receiving one. Mayor Tortorice seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – yes, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

Councilperson Davis made a motion that the city raise the Tow Release fee to \$100 and charge \$10 for accident reports. Councilperson Bell seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – no, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS –

The City Engineer provided updates on water mapping and installing more valves to help with water redirection and repairing leaks. He said the department is working on a grant that will help with the repair plan for Old Acton at the railroad tracks. He provided concept sketches for Fire Station 3, which are critical to the process of obtaining pricing, so grants can be applied for. He also stated that March 1st is the anticipated date of completion at Dillard Park. Councilperson Chapman expressed displeasure with the outcome of the pavilion for what it cost. It was reiterated that the pavilion being built is the plan the previous administration voted on.

The Public Works Director mentioned that they are working on outdated meters and several sewer lift stations are deteriorating.

Fire Chief Thomas shared with the council that the Department only has about half the PPE that is needed and they need more gear for the new staff. He reported that they have new volunteer firefighter applicants and are working on a volunteer plan. The Fire Department should be ALS certified by April 1st. He also shared that J. Davis has been promoted to Captain and R. McQueen has been promoted to Lieutenant.

Police Chief Walton reported that the MPD had 155 calls in January, made 115 traffic stops and had 7 felony and 7 misdemeanor arrests. Captain King gave an update on the progress of the new Police Department offices.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

A Brookhaven resident and local lawn care business owner stated that speeding is a huge problem in the Brookhaven subdivision and is posing a danger for his lawn care crew.

A District 5 citizen said that he was disappointed in last week's behavior by the council and that citizens deserve better from their elected officials.

A District 3 citizen also had comments on the council's lack of decorum.

A resident of Woodland Ridge expressed concern about the use of city funds on over-policing the neighborhoods. She also expressed the need for the city to have its own grocery store.

COUNCIL COMMENTS –

Councilperson Chapman declined to comment.

Councilperson Bell had no comments.

Councilperson McIntyre stated that the roads are full of litter but the county can't send the Litter Patrol out because of the speeding.

Councilperson Davis talked about plans for bringing in a grocery store but also how during the campaign many citizens said they didn't want one. She also stated that improvements like a new fire station will bring down citizens' home insurance rates and make the city more appealing to grocery stores and restaurants.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ray asked about the number of vehicles purchased by the City. He presented an ordinance to the council about City Council management of funds. He stated that he and other council members solicited the City attorney to write the ordinance. The Mayor reminded him that a quorum of Council deliberating outside of a public meeting is a violation of the Alabama Open Meetings Act. After refusing to come to order and cede the floor, the Police Chief was asked to remove Mayor Pro-Tem Ray.

Councilperson Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Councilperson McIntyre seconded the motion. Roll call votes: Chapman – no, Bell – yes, McIntyre – yes, Davis – yes, Ray – yes, Tortorice – no. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Matthew Tortorice

ATTEST:



Tabitha Hanner, City Clerk

Record of Council Work Session Minutes **City of Margaret**

Date: Monday, February 15, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Margaret City Hall

Council Work Session

The City Council for the City of Margaret met on Monday, February 16, 2026, for a work session prior to the regularly scheduled Council Meeting. The work session roll call is as follows:

Councilperson James Chapman – Present

Councilperson Martrece Bell – Present

Councilperson Kerry McIntyre – Present

Councilperson Samantha Davis – Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Jonathon Ray – Present

Mayor Matthew Tortorice – Present

The work session opened with the City Attorney addressing the council and discussing municipal budget policies.

Stan Batemon, candidate for St. Clair County Commissioner, addressed those in attendance.

Adam Pardue, candidate for St. Clair County Commission, addressed those in attendance.

The council discussed imposing littering fines and what those might be if they chose to do so.

The work session continued with a review of regular council meeting consent agenda items.:

1. Minutes from the 1/26/2026 meeting
2. Minutes from the 2/2/2026 meeting
3. Fire Department Policy, promotions and pay scale
4. Brookwood Court road repair approval
5. ALM Voting Delegate Authorization

The work session then covered regular council meeting agenda items:

1. National League of Cities membership / Council DC trip
2. Resolution #2026-002 City Hall Adjacent Property
3. Resolution #2026-003 Public Works Truck and Trailer
4. Resolution #2026-004 Police Officer Contract Buyout

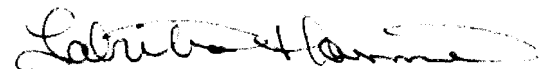
The work session adjourned.

APPROVED:



Mayor Matthew Tortorice

ATTEST:



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